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Mr. Charlie Carter
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RE: Archived Perchlorate Samples

Dear Mr. Carter:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), as well as the US EPA Region IX and the National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL), has been working on various issues related to the investigation of perchlorate contamination in the Las Vegas Valley. One area of concern to all involved parties is the analytical method used to detect perchlorate at the low part per billion concentrations. To that end, NERL has requested access to archived samples currently stored at LAS that were collected by NDEP in order to conduct various research activities.

The NDEP is interested in assisting both EPA and NERL in improving our understanding of the perchlorate analytical method. Therefore, NDEP is requesting that LAS turn any available archived samples over to NERL for their use in this endeavor including any future archived samples. In addition, please provide NERL with any requested documentation that may be needed, such as analytical results, QA/QC analyses, etc. Please feel free to contact me at (702) 486-2857 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brenda Pohlmann".

Brenda Pohlmann
Remedial Action Program Supervisor
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